Re: BORDER GUARD MUTINY IN BANGLADESH

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, there is a point of information. Sir, there is a mutiny in Bangladesh and the BDR is in revolt. The External Affairs Minister is here. We would like to know about it because it is a neighbouring country and mutiny has taken place there by BDR. It is a matter of serious concern and we want to know what is the situation there. As we saw in the TV, more than 50 people have died, hundreds are injured and firing is being done from helicopters and it is still going on. The Army has been called. They have been asked to surrender but they are not surrendering. Continuous firing is on. We would like to know what is the situation. ...*(Interruptions)*... Their DG is killed. ...*(Interruptions)*... The BDR's DG is killed. Their headquarters has been attacked. All these things are happening in our neighbouring country, Bangladesh. ...*(Interruptions)*... Because our BSF is on the border and the BDR is also on the border, it is a matter of serious concern for India. I believe that the Minister of External Affairs will inform the House about the present scenario in Bangladesh.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, I will inform the House before the House adjourns.

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Arjun Kumar Sengupta. You have ten minutes, Mr. Sengupta.

SHRI ARJUN KUMAR SENGUPTA (West Bengal): Thank you very much, Sir. I do not think I will take ten minutes because we are all eagerly waiting here for Mr. Mukherjee to present his final statement. I will take this opportunity just to indicate a few areas which, I think, the Finance Minister, the present Finance Minister, is well aware of, he has shown in his speech the awareness of that. But I would have expected sitting as an Independent Member but basically I am a Congresswala that he would be able to assure us of ...*(Interruptions)*... Well, I wanted to tell him because of my friends who think just because they have supported me that I have changed my character which I have not. But, anyway, the point here, Sir, is that the Finance Minister was very correct that in this present situation his Constitutional responsibility prevents him from doing too many things. But within that he has done a few things and also has given some indications of the lines that our Government would follow. In fact, at the end of his speech, in the Lok Sabha he has categorically stated that the aim of this Government is to look for an economic growth, which is meant not just inclusive growth, but equitable growth. That particular conclusive paragraph should be quoted everywhere as saying that this is our position. Besides this particular point everybody was expecting that the Finance Minister would do something about this meltdown, this economic crisis. Now, Sir, he has mentioned and he has repeatedly